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# Care 4 Kids Program

## POLICY TRANSMITTAL



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DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES-CHILD CARE TEAM

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**To:** Denise Fletcher, Program Director  
Care 4 Kids

**From:** Claudette J. Beaulieu, Deputy Commissioner of Programs  
Department of Social Services

**CC:** Policy Distribution List

**Subject:** Public Act 04-258 - Eligibility Change

**Program Issue:** This transmittal implements provisions of Section 37(c) of Public Act (PA) 04-258, which establishes a new priority service category for families whose Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) benefits were discontinued within five (5) years prior to the date of application for Care 4 Kids. DSS will begin the process to amend the Child Care Assistance Program regulations and will operate under this policy until the changes are adopted as regulation.

**Background:** Section 17b-749 of the Connecticut General Statutes requires DSS to establish a priority intake and eligibility system for the Care 4 Kids program. Section 17b-749-08 of the Child Care Assistance Program regulations defines the priority service categories. Currently, priority exists for families whose TFA benefits were discontinued within 6 months prior to the date of application. These families fall in the second highest priority service category of the program – Priority Group 2 (PG2). To comply with the requirements of PA 04-258, DSS is extending the application filing deadline for the existing PG2 service category from six (6) months to sixty (60) months after the date TFA cash assistance was discontinued.

**Actions:** ACS is directed to implement this change effective July 1, 2004. The new 60-month time limit applies to all applications processed on or after July 1, 2004 including applications filed prior to July and applicants called from the Wait List. Eligibility for such applicants may be granted up to 15 days prior to the date of application. DSS will work with ACS and the CCMIS system developer to integrate the new eligibility criteria into CCMIS.

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